Gravelling the road from Kayamkulam to Pullukulangara Temple.

82. *MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether provision is made in the Budget of 1118, for gravelling the road from Kayamkulam to Pullukulangara temple and thence to the backwaters in the Karthigapally taluk; and

(*b*) if so, whether any action has been taken on the same?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes; Rs. 1,000.

(*b*) The first section of the road from Kayamkulam to Pullukulangara temple has already been gravelled.

Improvements to the Kannimadom-Kanagappapuram Road.

83. *MR. C. RAMASWAMY NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the budget provision No. 112 in the final budget for 1118 (II Communication X Roads Part II—New works) for improvements to Kannimadom-Kanagappapuram road, Nagercoil division has received Government sanction;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken for the improvements to the above road; and

(*c*) whether the yearly maintenance of that road at least is done this year?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate amounting to Rs. 4,960 has been sanctioned by Government.

(*c*) Yes.

Supply of Green manure.

84. *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state what steps are being taken to ensure a sufficient supply of green manure to the ryots?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Facilities to take green manure from the forest reserves are being provided, wherever possible, to cultivators, and a scheme to open green manure plantations in selected localities on the taungya system is being worked out. 50 acres have already been given out in the above manner in the Easanthimangalam hills. Cultivation and ploughing under, of sun hemp, Boja etc., have been vigorously advocated all over the State by the officers of the department and seeds of these crops are also being supplied to those in need by the department.

Appointment of an Irrigation Executive Engineer.

85. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a resolution has been passed by the Economic Development Board and submitted to Government, with regard to the early appointment of an Irrigation Executive Engineer; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

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